BREANNA SOLOMAN.  
CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Breanna Soloman, CMA is a medical assistant in the busy pediatric office of Robert Watson III MD in Modesto. When first told about the immunization registry by her boss, she said, “My first thought was: great, another little something for me to do—as if I didn’t have enough work to do already!”

Fortunately, registry staff were available to help. “They came in to show me how the system worked, but I was still reluctant. Then they offered to help with data entry of existing patients and all new patients.” Breanna was happy to report that, to her surprise, the system is actually “very user friendly.”

One of the big selling points, acknowledged Breanna, is that sometimes new patients don’t have medical records transferred before coming in. “The registry helps us to be able to look up the information and see exactly what immunizations they have had. It’s great!”

Other favorite registry features include seeing what shots the patient currently needs and knowing right away if they are behind schedule or if it’s too soon to give the shot. “We would hate to give immunizations to patients if they aren’t valid. It’s a waste of time, money, and vaccines.”

Breanna assured us that it doesn’t take long to enter immunizations for a patient, “maybe half a minute or so per patient, and well worth it.”

Now a “converted” registry champion, Breanna is ready to tell anyone who wants to listen, “it’s a great tool for us. We’ll definitely keep using it.”